

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY  
LAW DIVISION: MIDDLESEX COUNTY  
**ASBESTOS LITIGATION**

**Docket No:** L-5034-19 (AS)

**Civil Action**

**CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER I**

FRANCIS COLELLA, (Estate of Thomas Colella),  <i>Plaintiff(s),</i>  vs. ATLANTIC RICHFIELD CO., et al  <i>Defendant(s).</i>
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This matter coming in for a Case Management Conference before Special Master Agatha N. Dzikiewicz and the following parties on August 15, 2019:

FIRM	ATTORNEY	CLIENT
Law Office of James Pettit	James Pettit	Plaintiff(s)
Caruso Smith	Richard V. Jones	Metropolitan Life
Margolis Edelstein	Nicholas Sulpizio	Woolsulate Corp.
Maron Marvel	Jennifer A. McGarrity	Atlantic Richfield Co.
McElroy Deutsch	Joseph D. Rasnek	ExxonMobil Corp.
Pascarella DiVita	Joshua Greeley	Ingersoll Rand Co.
Speziali Greenwald	Joanne Hawkins	General Electric
Swartz Campbell	Walter L. McDonogh	Sunoco (R&M) LLC
Tanenbaum Keale	Elizabeth Gee	CBS Corp.; Foster Wheeler
Wilson Elser	Joseph Hanlon	Chevron USA Inc.

IT IS on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of **August 2019**, effective from the conference date;

**ORDERED** as follows:

Counsel receiving this Order through computerized electronic medium (E-Mail) shall be deemed by the court to have received a copy of the filed original court document. Any document served pursuant to this Order shall be deemed to be served by mail pursuant to R.1:5-2.

Defense counsel shall notify plaintiff's counsel within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order if their client was incorrectly named in the Complaint. Counsel may be barred from raising this defense at a later time for failure to comply.

Any jurisdictional motions must be filed in accordance with the Court Rules or be waived.

Any *forum non conveniens* motions must be filed as soon as practicable; once sufficient discovery is conducted so that the motion may be properly brought.

**DISCOVERY**

October 15, 2019      Plaintiff shall serve answers to standard interrogatories by this date.

October 31, 2019      Plaintiff shall serve answers to wrongful death interrogatories by this date.

November 15, 2019 Defendants shall serve answers to standard interrogatories by this date.

October 15, 2019 Plaintiff shall propound supplemental interrogatories and document requests by this date.

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November 15, 2019 Plaintiff shall serve answers to supplemental interrogatories and document requests by this date.

February 28, 2020 Fact discovery, including depositions, shall be completed by this date. Plaintiff's counsel shall contact the Special Master within one week of this deadline if all fact discovery is not completed.

February 28, 2020 Depositions of corporate representatives shall be completed by this date.

### **EARLY SETTLEMENT**

March 13, 2020 Settlement demands shall be served on all counsel and the Special Master by this date.

### **MEDICAL EXPERT REPORT**

October 31, 2019 Defendants shall forward medical authorizations to plaintiff's counsel by this date.

November 15, 2019 Plaintiff shall serve executed medical authorizations by this date.

June 19, 2020 Plaintiff shall serve medical expert reports by this date.

June 19, 2020 Upon request by defense counsel, plaintiff is to arrange for the transfer of pathology specimens and x-rays, if any, by this date.

August 14, 2020 Defendants shall identify its medical experts and serve medical reports, if any, by this date. In addition, defendants shall notify plaintiff's counsel (as well as all counsel of record) of a joinder in an expert medical defense by this date.

### **LIABILITY EXPERT REPORTS**

June 19, 2020 Plaintiff shall identify its liability experts and serve liability expert reports by this date or waive any opportunity to rely on liability expert testimony.

August 14, 2020 Defendants shall identify its liability experts and serve liability expert reports, if any, by this date or waive any opportunity to rely on liability expert testimony.

### **SUMMARY JUDGMENT MOTION PRACTICE**

March 13, 2020 Plaintiff's counsel shall advise, in writing, of intent not to oppose motions by this date.

March 27, 2020 Summary judgment motions shall be filed no later than this date.

April 24, 2020 Last return date for summary judgment motions.

## **ECONOMIST EXPERT REPORTS**

- June 19, 2020            Plaintiff shall identify its expert economists and serve expert economist report(s), if any, by this date or waive any opportunity to rely on economic expert testimony.
- August 14, 2020        Defendants shall identify its expert economists and serve expert economist report(s), if any, by this date or waive any opportunity to rely on economic expert testimony.

## **EXPERT DEPOSITIONS**

- September 18, 2020    Expert depositions shall be completed by this date. To the extent that plaintiff and defendant generic experts have been deposed before, the parties seeking that deposition in this case must file an application before the Special Master and demonstrate the necessity for that deposition. To the extent possible, documents requested in a deposition notice directed to an expert shall be produced three days in advance of the expert deposition. The expert shall not be required to produce documents that are readily accessible in the public domain.

## **PRE-TRIAL AND TRIAL**

- May 21, 2020 @ 1:30pm    Settlement conference. All defense counsel shall appear with authority to negotiate settlement and have a representative authorized to negotiate settlement available by phone.
- September 10, 2020 @ 1:30pm    Status Conference.
- October 13, 2020 (*Tuesday*)    Trial Date.

*Plaintiff(s) counsel shall serve a copy of this Order upon any additional counsel immediately upon receipt.*

*/s/ Ana C. Viscomi*  
ANA C. VISCOMI, J.S.C.

cc:      Clerk, Mass Tort